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HOANG NAN.—Dr. Barthelemy (*Bulletin Générale de Thérapeutique Médicale et Chirurgicale*, August 15, 1881) claims that on man hoang nan produces the following effects: In a small dose, five to ten centigrammes, the result is an augmentation of the mental and physical activity, increased animation and flow of ideas. Given for a long time in this dose hoang nan has a tonic effect, increasing flesh and weight. In from two to four times the dose just mentioned, general feeling of heat, itching and formication result; muscular tonus and the reflexes are increased; there are also pains over the region of the liver, in both temples; and, at the same time, vertigo. From a still larger dose, general malaise, excessive vertigo, irregular involuntary contractions of the feet and hands result. An excessive dose is attended by loss of consciousness and chills.—*Chic. Med. Rev.*, Oct. 5, 1881.

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MASSAGE FOR THE RELIEF OF TABETIC ANÆSTHESIA.—Schreiber (*Medicin, Chirurgische Rundschau*, April, 1881) claims very good results from massage in a case of locomotor ataxia in an advanced stage, with lancinating pains, gastric crises, paralysis of the abducens nerve, and complete anæsthesia of both gluteal regions. Having been convinced that massage is capable of curing the anæsthesia which presents itself in the course of neuralgia, especially in sciatic, Schreiber resolved to attempt this treatment in the case under consideration, although it has been heretofore claimed that mechanical treatment is contra-indicated in locomotor ataxia. In daily sittings of five minutes' duration, the affected parts were kneaded with the clenched fist in various

directions. The manipulations were performed with moderate force, and did not cause pain. After twelve days the anæsthesia, which had existed five months without any intermissions, disappeared entirely. Türck was the first to point out that rubbing was sufficient to relieve mild anæsthesia, and he asserted that the benefit derived from salves and liniments was in a great measure due to the conjoined mechanical manipulations. What the rationale of the treatment is cannot be said. A single case is, however, not of much value as evidence of the good result of any treatment in any disease whatever.—*Chicago Med. Review*, Oct. 5, 1881.

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